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Title of Publication: 25A1D952-F097-44DB-AAC3-E7E24BD67619.bmp

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Not Applicable

**Summary of reasons
for classification:**

The computer image file *25A1D952-F097-44DB-AAC3-E7E24BD67619.bmp* is classified as:

Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

The computer image file contains an image of a young man who appears to be playing a submissive role in a sado-masochistic scenario. Although he is under restraint and his face shows some apprehension, he is clearly posing for the camera. The dominant effect of the image is derived from its sexual elements, rather than the violence present in other aspects. Adult viewers are likely to realise the constructed nature of the image and recognise it as showing a form of sexual activity involving bondage. However, children and young persons are unlikely to have the maturity or experience to place the image in this context, and may be shocked or disturbed by it. Exposure to such images is likely to have a harmful effect on the development of young people's sexual behaviour and attitudes.

The right to freedom of expression has been weighed against the likelihood of injury to the public good if the publication is made available to children and young persons. Given the sexual content of the image file, restriction to an adult audience is reasonable, demonstrably justifiable and the minimum required to prevent injury.